

# Felix namque es

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Superius  
[Soprano]

Medius  
[Alto]

Contratenor  
[Tenor]

Tenor  
[Tenor]

Bassus  
[Bass]

Fe - - -

Fe -

Fe - - - lix nam - que, fe - lix nam - que

Fe - - - lix nam - que, fe - lix

Fe - - - lix nam - que,

- lix nam - que es sa - cra Vir - go Ma - ri -

- - lix nam - - que es sa - cra Vir - go

es sa - cra Vir - go Ma - ri - a,

nam - - - - que es sa - cra Vir - go Ma -

es sa - cra Vir - go Ma -

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- - - a, et om - ni lau -

Ma - ri - - a, et om - ni lau - - - de

Ma - ri - a, et om - ni lau - de di -

-ri - - - a, et om - ni lau - - - de di -

-ri - - - a, et om - ni lau - - - de di -

de di - gnis - - - si - ma:

di - gnis - si - ma, di - gnis - si - ma:

-gnis - - si - ma, di - gnis - - si - ma: qui - a

-gnis - si - ma, lau - - de di - gnis - si - ma: qui -

-gnis - - si - ma, di - gnis - si - ma: qui - a

qui - a ex te or - tus est sol ju - sti - ti -

qui - a ex te or - tus est sol ju - sti - ti -

ex te or - tus est sol ju - sti - - - ti -

- a ex te or - tus est sol ju - sti - - - ti -

ex te or - tus est sol ju - sti - ti - æ,

-æ, Chri - stus De - us no - ster, De - us no - ster, Chri -

-æ, Chri - - stus De - us no - - -

-æ, Chri - stus De - us no - ster, Chri - - stus De -

-æ, Chri - stus De - us no -

Chri - - stus De - us no - ster,

- stus De - us no - - - - ster.

- ster, De - us no - - - - ster.

- us no - - - ster, De - us no - - - - ster.

- ster, Chri - stus De - us no - - - ster.

Chri - - stus De - us no - - - ster.

For thou art happy, O sacred Virgin Mary, and most worthy of all praise, since out of thee hath arisen the sun of justice, Christ our God.

Source: William Byrd: *Gradualia, ac cantiones sacræ... Liber primus* (2nd edition, 1610), vol.1 no.19.

Liturgical function: Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin from Christmas to the Presentation:

Introit:	Vultum tuum - Eructavit
Gradual & Tract:	Speciosus forma - Eructavit - Alleluia
Alleluia:	Post partum - Alleluia
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>Felix namque es</b>
Communion:	Beata viscera

from the Presentation to Easter:

Introit:	Salve sancta parens - Eructavit - Gloria Patri
Gradual:	Benedicta et venerabilis - Virgo Dei genitrix - (Alleluia before Septuagesima)
Alleluia (before Septuagesima):	Virga Jesse - Alleluia
Tract (after Septuagesima):	Gaude Maria Virgo
<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>Felix namque es</b>
Communion:	Beata viscera

V: 1st line *ks* upper flat on c line (to bar 6 inclusive)

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